(SRI G. V. GOWDA)

amount to construct studios or encourage film industry, I do not know anything. What are the methods by which Government are willing to encourage film industry by this show tax, I do not know. It is double taxation and it is going against the spirit of the Constitution and it affects the cinema goer.

SRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—Sir, I am glad that the members who spoke on this Bill have generally welcomed the same. The most important point raised during the discussion was by MR. Anna Rao. He said that by raising the surcharge, Government is going to deprive the local authorities or bodies of their legitimate income. Sir, the Hon ble Member is perhaps not aware that 90 per cent of the entertainment tax will go to the local bodies whether it is a corporation or a municipality or any other local body.

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The surcharge and Show Tax are not shared with the local bodies even according to the provisions of the existing Act. Only ten per cent is retained to meet the establishment charges in regard to collection of taxes and enforcement of the provisions of the Act. The surcharge that is sought to be enhanced is opposed on the ground that it will ultimately be passed on to the cinema goers. One thing that I would like to inform the Hon'ble Members is that the surcharge is not on the value of the ticket but on the entertainment tax. Therefore, the poor people who go to cinema houses with the lowest denomination tickets will not be affected so much because proportionately the surcharge will be reduced. Therefore, there is no force in that contention also. The Hon'ble Member Sri G. Anna Rao will be happy to know that the Government has increased the grant-in-aid to local bodies towards the Dearness Allowance this year from Rs. 24 lakhs to 60 lakhs. Does it show that the Government wants to cripple these institutions or does it show that the Government realises the difficulties of these institutions and wants to help them? The other suggestions are according to me made only by way of opposing the Bill and they have not much force. Therefore, I request the House to approve the Bill.

ARREST OF MEMBERS

Announcement.

MR. SPEAKER.—Before I proceed to the next stage, I wish to inform the House that an intimation has been received with regard to the arrest of the members Sri B. R. Sunthankar, Sri B. P. Kadam, Sri L. B. Birje, Sri Bapu Rao Ananda Rao Hulsoorker and N. O. Samaji. I have received it at 12-25 P.M.

With regard to this Bill under consideration I wish to inform the House that the Governor has recommended this Bill in his communication dated 25th March 1966.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—Sir, about the arrest of the members, you said that it can be taken up on Monday. Possibly we can offer our comments, whatever it is, on the statement made by the Home Minister. I believe now that you have received the intimation we can deal with the matter on Monday morning.

Mr SPEAKER.—Whoever said "no"? There are two things—one is the motion and the other is the duty of the Speaker. Whenever it comes to his knowlege he must inform the House. That duty I am discharging.

MYSORE ENTERTAINMENT TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1966

Motion to consider—(Contd.)

Mr. SPEAKER.—Now I will put the Bill to the vote of the House. The question is:

"That the Mysore Entertainment Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1966, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble Member Sri Suryanarayana Rao has given notice of some amendment. He has given it very late. However, I am permitting the member to move that. The amendment is being circulated.

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—Sir I beg to move:

"That the Mysore Entertainment Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1966, be referred to a select Committee consisting of 12 members with a direction that the Committee may report within a period of three months."

I will pass on the names of the members.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Amendment moved:

"That the Mysore Entertainment Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1966, be referred to a Select Committee consisting of 12 members with a direction that the Committee may report within a period of three months."

Sri K. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO.—In support of the amendment I would like to add that this is a matter which seeks to enhance the tax on entertainment. The hon'ble Minister was pleased to say that so many items have been deleted and only cinemas and horse racing are included. The exemptions he has proposed are already there. As a matter of fact there is exemption for circus, drama, music performance by associations. Like that there are several things which are given exemptions. Therefore, why I am moving this amendment is, by raising